

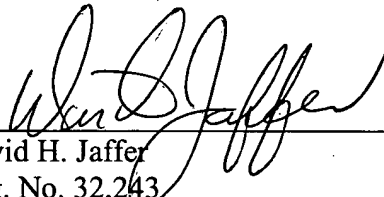
### REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 18, 20, 25, 28-32 and 34-44 are pending in the application. The Advisory Action dated May 7, 2003, noted new issues under Section 112 in claims 1, 25 and 30. Claims 1, 25, and 30-32 are amended to address these objections. Applicants believe all claims are now in condition for allowance.

If any further questions should arise prior to a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney at the number set forth below.

Date: October 4, 2006

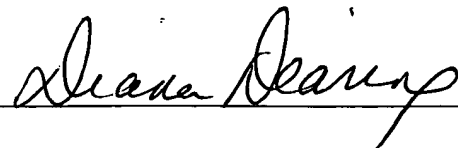
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